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Most of you did not receive the last issue of the Evangelite because the UPS Company lost them. The box that they were shipped in evidently broke open. UPS did not tell anyone, but just re-boxed those that they could find. Consequently, only 500 issues arrived in Houston, Texas to be mailed out on our permit. Articles will be reprinted in the next issue of the Evangelite.

There are few things that were in the lost issue that you need to know. The following page are those items.

THE $100 CHALLENGE

There was a challenge given in the last issue of the Evangelite for 200 people to give $100 so that the new bus can be purchased for the team. Ron has been working hard sending personal letters to the team's family in the United States and Canada. The following is a list of donors, their first names, and the order in which they gave. The list is not completely up-to-date because of printing deadlines.

1. Carole & Jane - California
2. Hal - Minnesota
3. Howard - California
4. Joe & Mark - Texas
5. Max & Emma - Canada
6. Darlene & Pat - California
7. Ben & Rex - California
8. Dick & Steve - Texas
9. Jimmye & Jean - Texas
10. Arnold & Dick - Texas
11. Michael - California
12. Rosalind - California
13. Russell & John - Florida
14. Elbert & Leland - Texas
15. Bob - Texas
16. Robert & Chuck - Illinois
17. Betty - Texas
18. Cheri - Texas
19. Betty & Ellen - Florida
20. Robin & Cheri - Texas
21. Eugene - California
22. MCC San Antonio - Texas
23. Daryl - New York
24. Brad - California
25. Ralph - Florida
26. Faye - Missouri
27. Robert - Kansas
28. Loren - Kansas
29. [illegible]
30. Jay
31. and - Kansas
32. Jerry
33. [illegible]
34. Al - Oklahoma
35. Anonymous - Iowa
36. Anonymous - Oklahoma
37. Walt - Oklahoma
38. Anonymous - Colorado
39. Anne - Canada
40. Doug - Canada

IN REMEMBRANCE

I want to tell you about a mother who has been very special to the team. Her name is Emma and she lived in Edmonton, Alberta. Emma and her son Max were always a bright spot in the life of the team. She prayed, supported, and loved each member. She had been very sick with cancer, but always seemed to bring joy and cheer to many people. I want to share a portion of Max's letter with you.

"This can probably go without saying, but I want to say it again, how much Mom loved 'her' team. She was so excited this spring when she heard you folks were coming here and equally as sad when she heard you wouldn't be here. She was really with it until her hospitalization the last two weeks and then she'd drift in and out of reality but more often than not she had all her faculties. I had the sad duty of cashing her last pension cheque Friday and I know the Holy Spirit led me to buy this American money order. I'd like it to be used for the bus fund in her memory. She would have loved that."

Emma went on ahead of us to be with the Lord on September 7th, 1981. Our next visit with Emma will not be cancelled because of transportation, because Jesus Christ will supply the way. A special dedication plate will be placed on the new bus.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!!!!!!

The team will not be sending Christmas cards this year because of the high postage, but we want you to know that we will be thinking of our whole family during this time. I want to share the largest miracle that has happened to me personally during 1981.

The miracle is the renewed relationship between my mother and I. She came to Quincy for a three day visit in October and it was fantastic. We went to Hannibal one day and toured Mark Twain's home, etc. The next day we journeyed to historic Nauvoo. Mother met many members of the church, board of directors of the team, and made many friendships with the people. When I look back at these three days I can't help but praise the Lord for a beautiful mother and the joy, love, and excitement that we shared.

I will be spending Christmas at my mother's home in Kansas City this year. It is the first Christmas that I have spent at home for over eighteen years. Praise God for the spirit of reconcillation! If you don't have a family that you can spend Christmas with then keep trusting in the Lord and you will experience the reconciliation of God. Merry Christmas? It sure is in my life this year!!! (Ron's article from last Evangelite)

UPDATE ON TEAM MEMBERS - PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE

Many people have probably been wondering what has happened in the lives of the members that were on the team last year. Well, this is a small article to let you know how God continues to move in team member's lives.

Mark and Joe are in Austin, Texas. Mark is the worship co-ordinator of the church there. The attendance has grown tremendously and they are running 80 and 85 in services now. The team will be holding a renewal there this year. (1982) Joe is working in Austin and they both are praising God for many blessings. The team has received a number of letters from Joe and Mark and there may be someday in the future that they will travel again for a period of time.

Leslie is in Tallahassee, Florida. We have received a number of letters from her. She is the worship co-ordinator of the MCC in Tallahassee and God continues to bless her life, also. She is going to school and has a women's band.

Russell is in Quincy, Illinois. He has a new lover by the name of Donnie, who is on the team's board of directors. Russell is involved with the MCC-Illiam church. Sunday School, Evangelism Committee, and a lot of work is all done by Russell. God continues to bless him in a mighty way, also.

The present team members are told about in the new Evangelite and the future members are only known by God. Keep you eyes open and you will see many miracles within the team membership. Those that are past, present, and future.

WE HOPE THAT THIS INSERT WILL FILL YOU IN ON THE INFORMATION THAT YOU MISSED OUT ON IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE LAST EVANGELITE. WE ALSO PRAY THAT UPS WILL BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE. AMEN! GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND LET US HEAR FROM YOU - write to:

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How To Win Against Clergy Stress

"The rates of suicide, divorce, alcoholism, depression, heart attack, and other stress-related maladies are all significantly higher today among clergy. The dropout and early retirement rates are also up." Alan C. Reuter sees these as results of excess stress in the ministry. After reminding readers of the sources of stress and its effects ("some estimates have it that as much as 85 percent of all illness is stress-related"), Reuter suggests a remedy: "a seemingly paradoxical process of taking charge and letting go."

"Taking charge" involves selection of goals in varied aspects of life ("trying to do everything at once is as stressful as doing nothing at all"). It is "an ongoing process that connects personal study, reflection, insight and planning with disciplined, intentional behavior and action."

But you must also "let go." "Letting go is the acknowledgement of our own limitations." Clergy have special problems in this regard. "If in ministry clergy seek to establish grounds for self-esteem, prove their value and worth as persons, secure their lives, indeed, be their own salvation, then they will inevitably be plagued by unrelenting stress and anxiety about the success of that project...At this level stress becomes a fundamentally theological problem no longer amenable to taking charge. We need the freedom to let go of the obsessive compulsion to see the church as our creation rather than God's." Reuter is not surprised that many ministers are workaholics: "Their lives are on the line. They live under the constant stress of juggling all the balls for fear of letting one drop."

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New Team Members

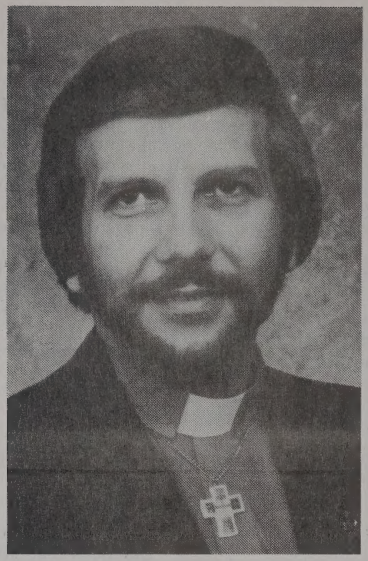
Two of the new team members are Steve (left) and Dale (right) from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. They have prepared for two years to be on the team and are excited about how God is moving in their lives. They have been together for eleven years, own property in Florida, and are members of the MCC in Ft. Lauderdale.

Steve sings tenor and is originally from Indiana. He spent four years in the Navy and then moved to Florida where he met Dale. Dale sings bass and is originally from Memphis, Tennessee. He had been in the Navy for four years and moved to Florida upon his honorable discharge. Steve has a Presbyterian background and Dale is from the Southern Baptist denomination. They both moved to Memphis from Florida and lived there for six years where they both were involved in the establishment of the MCC. Their love of gospel music was increased as they attended many concerts and sang at the church. In 1979 they moved back to Florida and became involved in the MCC in Ft. Lauderdale with the choir, a gospel singing group, men's glee, social committee, finance committee, music committee, and other functions of the church. They had experienced the team's ministry in 1977 during the spiritual renewal at the Memphis MCC. Prior to joining the team, they attended nine spiritual renewals in the cities of Memphis, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami Beach, Tampa, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Miami, and heard the team at the general conferences in Houston and Los Angeles. They were interested in joining the team the very first time they heard them in 1977. Through many prayers, discussions, and planning the team welcomes Dale and Steve with tremendous excitement about the future blessings of God.

"We are excited about singing throughout the country and meeting all of you that are a part of this ministry and family. We feel that it is a great honor to be chosen to do God's work in this ministry. We pray that we can be a blessing. We both feel that if we can sing one song that will bring someone to Jesus Christ then the whole year will be worth it all. We ask for everyone's prayers as we take this step in faith and experience so many unknown challenges."

There are still openings on the team for singers, sound and light person, and other instrumentalists. The team will be interviewing people on the field. If you are interested then please send a picture and resume to the team's PO Box and we will send you the team's new "Introduction to the Team" booklet.

The Evangelist



Evangelist Ron J. Anderson

This is the beginning of the 7th evangelistic tour of the New Freedom Team and I want to tell you that it is just as exciting as the very first time that we all climbed in a 1956 GMC school bus and headed out to do God's work. The new team has been practicing and they sound great! The print room has made it possible for the team to have new posters, literature, and all kinds of printed matter to help get the Good News out to All People. I want to take this small space in this *Evangelite* to express my deepest thanks to so many of you that have continued to support this ministry in prayers and with your hard earned finances.

It seems that God continues to speak to many of you about the importance of this ministry and its outreach. The team's weekly budget that is sought through the love offerings during worship services has always fallen short of the travel expenses. But, your help through the mail has kept the team on the field. You have not only kept the team on the field, but made it possible to cut a record, purchase the current bus, and build the Bus Fund up to the point of purchasing a Silver Eagle. This all truly shows that this ministry is not only the members of the team, but each and every one of you that listen to the inner voice of God. It is so great to see everything from where I am and I pray that each one of you know and feel the blessings that God continues to pour out upon all of us.

This ministry is not possible without you being close enough to God to hear that voice and your answering, "Here am I Lord, use me!" I want you to know that I am personally thankful for your obedience to God, the furtherance of Jesus Christ, and the joint effort with the team in reaching All People with the Good News. I know that God will continue to richly bless each and everyone of you in a mighty way for being a part of the New Freedom Evangelistic Team.

LETTERS

Dear Ron and Team,

...and I feel that we would like to make a more substantial contribution than we have in the past. Please accept this check for the bus fund.

God has so prospered us and blessed us in so many ways during our five years together; this is our small way of saying thank you Lord for your (team's) ministry.

For the Glory of God,
(check for $500)

Dear Ron and Team:

Your letter arrived this morning and before I do anything else in this last rush before Christmas day I must write to you and the team and send my cheque so that "Shasta Too" can be brought closer to retirement.

I hope and pray that the new bus will be soon in coming so that you can continue with God's work through song and praise.

May 1982 be a year filled with peace, happiness and love for you and the team and all those whose lives you touch with your ministry.

With Love and Hope,
(British Columbia)

My dear brother in Christ, Ron:

I want you, as part of my family, to have this donation, not for me to have my name written in a paper for all to see, it is my wish for my name not to be printed. This work of the Lord is not to give me glory but the Lord and I receive blessings from my Savior through His love for me and the sharing of it with others.

God be with you as you travel and do the Lord's work and you will be in my prayers.

Love in Christ,
(Iowa)

Dear Ron:

I know it's been a long time. I sure was glad to hear from you. I am very happy to hear that you are doing better. I was worried but I knew you were in God's hands.

Your letter touched me. I really wish I could send some money to you for the new bus but right now I am barely making ends meet myself. I am in school full time and not working. Maybe after I get out and get back to work I can do something. I hope you make your goal. Sorry I can't help now.

Have a Merry Christmas and I hope the New Year is the best ever.

(Colorado)

Dear Ron and Team:

Enclosed is my check for $100. I wish it was for all the money you need as I know what a necessity this bus is. I am proud to be a part of this and I can't begin to tell you how much your team means to so many! I have never felt this complete about anything before. Keep up your good work and bless each and every one of you. All I can do is laud your work but the Almighty shall reward you.

Hope you have a lovely holiday and that we shall have the pleasure and love from your New Freedom once again.

Love to all,
(Washington)

Dear Rev. Ron:

I want to do my part to help the team's bus ministry fund. I just wish I could give more, but feel I need to help our local church at this time, also. I do know just as sure as tomorrow will come, if it wasn't for the team, MCC Quad Cities would not be here today. You gave us hope and encouragement when we so needed it. You helped our church to make a stand on Jesus Christ. I know God will continue to use you and the team in the future. I know that by giving to the bus fund other small groups of believers will be encouraged and strengthened like we were.

With Jesus' Love,
(Iowa)

The team is a monthly supporter of WORLD VISION of Pasadena, CA to help feed the hungry and reach people for Jesus Christ in other countries.

$1,000-plus Donors for Silver Eagle

Each individual, couple or church that contributes $1,000 or more will receive a beautiful plaque. Contributions are still being accepted.

Don't Forget To Use The New Address:
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Evangelite To Have Pictures

The team has been looking two years for an instant camera that takes good black and white pictures and hasn't had much success. It is needed to take pictures that can be used for offset printing. They would have to be screened which costs five dollars for each picture when the plates are made. Well, God answered the prayer and the team not only found an instant camera, but one that automatically screens the picture which will save hundreds of dollars in screening charges. You would think that this type of camera would cost a fortune, but God also took care of that need. The team found the camera in a photography store that sells cameras for people on consignment. The camera is used and get this, it only cost $65. Praise the Lord for a fantastic deal! In the future, you will be able to enjoy many pictures of churches, people, and places. We hope that you will enjoy being able to see some of God's miracles with your very own eyes. Just praise God for making all this possible.

Watch for the next

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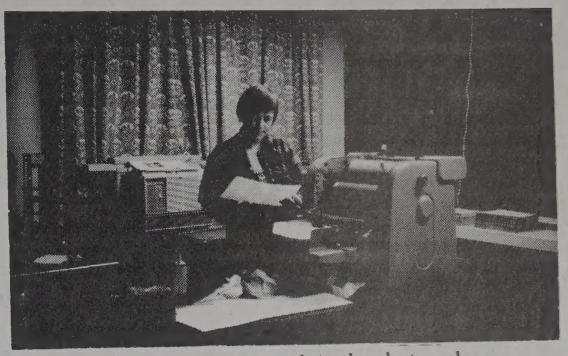
Failures Are Learning Experiences

One of the emergencies that has come up during the past month was that we didn't have anyone to run the offset printing machine. Plans had been made for a teacher to come in and teach someone how to print. But, the appointment was cancelled by the teacher and there wasn't anyone to print the last *Evangelite*. Everyone could have just stopped and you would not have received your last *Evangelite*, but that is not what happened.

Marilyn, a woman at the church, was the one to be trained. Ron and Marilyn decided to teach themselves and went in to take up the challenge with a 90 per cent chance that they would fail. They looked at all the buttons, levers, and switches with confusion and then started pushing, pulling, and the machine started. "Hum, what do we do next?" was said many times. Well, the first try was a total disaster when the ink went everywhere. It took more than an hour to clean up the mess. Give up? Never! They at least knew what not to do this next time. They once again started pushing and pulling to find out that the machine ran real good, but nothing was printing. "Ah, let's switch this one!" one commented and then, "oooops!" There went another hour of clean-up, but now they had a number of things that they knew not to do.



Marilyn—our new printer hard at work

It took five hours to print one page of the *Evangelite*, but they had learned a thousand things not to do which left all the things to do. They had learned by their failures. It only took one and a half hours to do the second page and only thirty-five minutes to do the remainder of the publication.

You might have noticed black lines on your last *Evangelite*. Well now you know why. You also might have recognized that the columns were messed up on the bottom of the first page. Well, now you can learn by your failure to read the article and make sense out of it. Try reading it again by reading column one, then three, back to two, and finally column four. See, it does make sense and you have met our new printer.

Welcome aboard, Marilyn! You will now notice that she is really getting the hang of it. Especially since she has printed the new song sheets, posters (two color), bookkeeping forms, address cards, and much more in preparation for the team to go back on the field. Thank God that Marilyn had enough guts to learn by her failures.

THE PREACHER AND HIS PEOPLE:
Supportive Relationship is Crucial

Maurice Roberts ("The Work of the Preacher," Christian Graduate, September) indicates ways in which "the Christian who is not called to be a preacher can help to advance the work of preaching." He suggests that the "listener can aid in preaching (1) by demanding sound doctrine from the pulpit...Not every preacher can rise to the level of greatness, but all are expected to be faithful to God's Word"; (2) "by being a good listener to sermons. Every real preacher knows that good listeners draw the sermon out of him—her"; (3) "by praying for the preacher. The Apostle Paul requested prayer from his readers. (e.g. Eph. 6:18)."

Writing in another British periodical (Crusade, September, "Speaking to Effect"), Gavin Reid calls upon preachers to know their people: "Ezekiel at the beginning of his prophetic ministry went among the exiles beside the River Chebar, and there he wrote, 'Where they were living, I sat among them for seven days—overwhelwhelmed.' The best preaching comes from those who have sat where their hearers have sat, and have been practically overwhelmed by the issues, problems, stresses, fears and joys that those people experience."

That theme is emphasized by Duane Kelderman ("An Elder's Prayer: 'Please let the Preacher Read Both Books'," The Banner, Nov. 16).....Kelderman asks, "How do we exegete life?...we as pastors and other Christian leaders must first of all know ourselves, honestly facing our fears, our needs, our coverups, the impulses within us that enslave or set free."

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Schedule of Renewals

C — Confirmed, T — Tentative

Feb. 6	**City-Wide Concert**	**C**
	Bunceton, MO	
Feb. 10—14	**Columbia, MO**	**C**
Feb. 17—21	**Columbia, SC**	**C**
Feb. 24—28	**Jacksonville, FL**	**C**
Mar. 3—7	**Orlando, FL**	**C**
Mar. 10—14	**City-Wide Renewal**	**T**
	Miami-Ft. Lauderdale	
Mar. 17—21	**Key West, FL**	**C**
Mar. 24—28	**Ft. Myers, FL**	**C**
Mar. 31—Apr. 4	**Tampa, FL**	**C**
Apr. 4—11	**Easter Week**	
Apr. 14—18	**St. Petersburg, FL**	**C**
Apr. 21—25	**Tallahassee, FL**	**C**
Apr. 28—May 2	**Pensacola, FL**	**C**
May 5—9	**Montgomery, AL**	**C**
May 12—16	**New Orleans, LA**	**T**
May 19—23	**Springfield, MO**	**C**
May 26—30	**Ozark Concert**	**T**
Jun. 2—6	**Davenport, IA**	**C**
Jun. 9—13	**Des Moines, IA**	**C**
Jun. 16—20	**Quincy IL**	**C**
Jun. 21—Jul. 18	**Summer Break**	

Bus Will Become Reality!

The bus fund continues to grow, but has not reached the amount that it will take to get into the new bus as of yet. Ron mailed personal letters to people all over the United States and Canada and the response has been terrific. There were two hundred people originally needed to give $100 each and the purchase of the bus would be made. The first list of donors was in the last *Evangelite* and this is the additions to that list to the deadline for this publication.

41. Ed & Mary	Arkansas
42–56 Bill	Colorado
57–61 Michael	California
62. Pete	Washington
63. Bob	Oklahoma
64. Joe	Iowa
65. Mel	British Columbia

You can see by this list that some people have given more than the $100 and they have been counted in increments of 100. This means that it will only take 135 more people to give the $100 challenge in order to reach the goal or fewer giving more than this amount. Praise God for these miracles of love and please continue to pray that the team will be in the bus immediately.

Ron's Christmas At Home

Faye, my mother, arrived safe and sound in Quincy on Saturday, December 19th. She attended the MCC's Christmas Cantata on Sunday evening and then we headed for Kansas City. The trip was long with driving conditions being poor, but I was so excited about being home for Christmas for the first time in twenty years. I didn't know what to expect when I would meet old friends and experience places of my youth.

Upon arrival, I went to visit the Sharps who live across the street. He was the superintendant of the church that I had attended as a young boy, she had always been an inspiration, and their son was one of my closest friends in those days. They looked older, but still the same beautiful people that I remembered. Their son is now a pastor, husband, and father of a thirteen year old boy. Whew! What a surprise to visit with a high school friend. During the week, I also was able to meet another very close neighborhood friend. He is now 39 years old, three children, a plumber, and a little nervous remembering our youthful lives. I had another friend that lived down the street and had been killed in a car accident when he was 15 and I was 17. I went to see his mother who almost didn't recognize me until she heard my laugh. She then let out a scream and almost hugged me to death. It really is something to "take a walk down memory lane."

I met one of mother's close friends named Ola. She is terrific and has traveled all over the world. Her hobby is photography and we sat for hours looking at slides of places around the world. What an evening! It was one of the highlights of my Christmas. She not only has beautiful pictures, but she is a fantastic person with a tremendous sense of humor.

We also had dinner with Bernice, another one of mother's friends, and her husband. Bernice has visited the bus, church, and people in Quincy along with my mother. She is another terrific woman and has become part of our family in Quincy. We enjoyed a beautiful dinner and shared in visiting for hours.

I visited the old shopping center that I used to run around in and it is no longer "old," but has been completely remodeled. The small church that I grew up in now has a huge sanctuary with all the stained glass and beauty of many large churches in America. The city is filled with freeways and I found myself getting lost a number of times. The grocery store that I worked in as a cashier at the age of fifteen looks the same on the outside, but has been changed on the inside.

All in all, the trip was fabulous. I found myself many times just standing and remembering and other times a little depressed to think of how long ago it has been. Christmas this year was truly something to remember and it brought many praises from my lips when I would think of how God has blessed and performed miracles during the last twenty years. Praise God for the Holy Spirit's guidance and care. When I remember the years that I was in charge of my own life and compare them with the last few years that God is in complete charge, then I can see how muich better a job that God has done. This is the reason that I stress that if you let God take complete control of your life, then you will see the miracles that form a life "more abundantly."

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